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# News Release

## **9 FELONS ARRESTED BY ICE DETENTION AND REMOVAL**

*Felons convictions range from aggravated battery with a weapon and cocaine possession to driving under the influence (DUI)*

**JACKSONVILLE** –A 36-year-old citizen of Mexico convicted of aggravated battery with a weapon was among nine felons arrested here Wednesday by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention and removal officers.

Rene Pelayo-Cornejo, was convicted on Feb. 24, 2005 and sentenced to five years probation. Cornejo, like the others arrested, are removable from the country based on their aggravated felony convictions. All are subject to removal for violating the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA).

Also arrested was Calixtro Vazquez-Gama, 35, a citizen of Mexico convicted on Nov. 18, 2004 for driving under the influence (DUI). Vazquez-Gama was sentenced to 30 months probation.

“Our officers are committed to identifying, arresting and removing those like Pelayo-Cornejo who hurt the innocent,” said Michael Rozos, field office director for detention and removal in Florida. “These targeted enforcement actions are among our highest priority. They restore integrity to our nation’s immigration system, while protecting our community.”

Among the arrested were eight Mexicans and one Guatemalan. Six of the nine admitted to being in the country illegally and have requested stipulated orders of removal. Their removal from the country is imminent. The remaining three individuals will have the opportunity to present the facts of their case before an immigration judge.

The Office of Detention and Removal (DRO) focuses on promoting public safety and national security by ensuring that all aliens who are subject to deportation are removed from the United States as expeditiously as possible.

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